

TITLE 4. CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION

Final Regulation

REGISTRAR'S NOTICE: The Marine Resources Commission is claiming an exemption from the Administrative Process Act in accordance with § 2.2-4006 A 11 of the Code of Virginia; however, the commission is required to publish the full text of final regulations.

Title of Regulation: **4VAC20-450. Pertaining to the Taking of Bluefish (amending 4VAC20-450-30).**

Statutory Authority: § 28.2-201 of the Code of Virginia.

Effective Date: February 26, 2015.

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Summary:

The amendments establish the annual commercial bluefish quota as 608,230 pounds.

4VAC20-450-30. Commercial landings quota.

A. ~~During the period of January 1 through December 31, The annual~~ commercial landings of bluefish shall be limited to ~~886,040~~ 608,230 pounds ~~in 2014~~.

B. When it is projected that 95% of the commercial landings quota has been realized, a notice will be posted to close commercial harvest and landings from the bluefish fishery within five days of posting.

C. It shall be unlawful for any person to harvest or land bluefish for commercial purposes after the closure date set forth in the notice described in subsection B of this section.